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Bark Lafayette's Log Book.

Sailed from New Bedford
May 29th 1861. for Atlantic

Obed Sherman Master

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Bark Lafayette of New Bedford

May 29th 1861

This day commences with thick weather & light breeze at 10 A.M. crew came on Board & hauled off from Wharf

May 30th Sea account

At noon Steamer took the Bark to the N.E. Dolman Island. Let go the Anchor untill Noon when the tug Boat took the Bark again and put to sea at 2 P.M. Let go the Tug and made all sail stood S.W. with a light wind from E by S. In past 3 calm 4 light squalls from N.W. Steered S.S.W. At 6 chose watches & Boats crews on Board the Chances & stowed the Anchors 6:30 P.M. South past Norman's Land Bearing E.S.E. Dist 42 miles Gay head E by N 12 miles distant Through the Night steering S.S.E. Latter part the same fitting Boats 2 Sails in sight

Lat 40° 18 Long 68° 35

Friday May 31st

Light breeze from N.W. steering S.S.W. in sight fitting Boats &c 4 P.M. course S by E wind west 3 Sails in sight Through the Night & Latter part light air from N.W. course S.S.E. at 9 A.M. saw Blackfish 3 Bow-reef 3 Boats & caught a fish took them to the ship at noon 4 Sails in sight, one whale man supposed to see the A.R. Tucker steering S.E. by S. Plenty Blackfish & Porpoises in sight

Lat 39° 21 Long 68° 28

Obed Shearman Master

Saturday June 1st 1861

Commenced with very light airs
and smooth sea all hands employed
cutting & clearing away Blackfish
4 sails in sight & plenty Blackfish
 Latter part light & variable breezes
6 sails in sight 2 Whaler men steering
S & by S. fitting cutting Pencients &
guys & new Porpoises

Lat by Obs $35^{\circ}55'$ Long $67^{\circ}20'$

Sunday June 2nd

Light & variable breezes ship heading
SSE At 7 P.M. wind from SW.

At sundown lowered aboard Boat
for a stick drift wood made all
sail at dark course SSE.

Through the night the same

Latter part winds SW fine
breeze S of Cape Ann.burg Brig
from Bristol England Bound
to New York at 9 A.M.

Lat obs $37^{\circ}53'$ Long by Chr $67^{\circ}33'$

Monday June 3rd

Commenced with Boffing winds ship
heading E, S & E. At 2 P.M. saw a large
School Blackfish & Porpoises & struck
a Porpoise & lost him from the Bow.
at 5.30 P.M. wind to the SE & tacked
to SSE. Saw a Large Steamer steering
NNW. Latter Part Squally
with variable winds commenced minding
Blackfish Blubber getting the gear ready
fitting casks &c

Lat Obs $36^{\circ}40' N.$

Long Chr $64^{\circ}36' W.$

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford
Tuesday June 4th 1861

Came thence with squally weather
At one P.M. commenced to Boil Black
at 1.30 Saw Breeches on the Lee Bow
Ship heading S.E. Next time saw them
3 points on the weather Bow made
them out Sperm whales going quick
to the S.W. Saw them 3 or 4 rising
Working the Ship to windward with
all our might But could not get
near enough to Tover our Boats
So they were Left us Poor as ever
At 6 P.M. saw a sail to the westward
Steering East At 8 finished Boiling
Blackfish Tacked Ship to S.E.
At 3 A.M. tacked Ship to the westward
day light Passed a Brig steering
S.W. at 9 tacked to S.E. Strong breeze
& squally No observation

Wednesday June 5th

Strong breeze and thick weather
Steering S.E. under whole topsails
& courses Employed making New
Pow Sprit Snovels got them done
at 4 Run the Ship off to fit them on
Several miles Came to the Wind at 5
5.30 P.M. Saw Breeches on the weather
Bow Called them Sperm whales going
quick to the westward at Sun down
Saw them Spout from mast head
Ship heading W by N 3 clock Reeft
the Fore topsail At 5 A.M. tacked Ship
to the South furled the main sail Saw
a Brig steering East thick weather
Strong breeze & a bad sea. Employed
fitting Boat sails Lat obs 36° 12 North
Long Obs 44° 12 W

Chief Wharman Master

Thursday June 6th 1861

Commenced with strong breezes & cloudy weather ship heading South one P.M. set main-sail. Boat Tied on at dusk more moderate through the night. Wind & weather about the same. At day light commenced to Cooper & salt the Red Beef finished at noon light breezes from S.E. & S.

Lat obs 34°20' N.

Long Obs 63°35' W.

Friday June 7th

Light breezes from S.E. & ship heading E by South. Large swell on. Much duple & towing must be set. Spent the day at dusk saw a school Black fish going to the N.E. at day light 18 two Brigs. Craft Tied & main top-sail equally fitting. Chape in gear &c.

Lat obs 35°35' N.

Long Obs 61°40' W.

Saturday June 8th

Commenced with strong breezes from S by E ship heading S.E. & rain at one P.M. took in main-sail & Tied 5 P.M. Saw a sail steering to the Eastward. At dusk saw a Brig steering E through the night heading S.E. by S. Light gale at midnight a clock. Put S.E. & West Boats on to assist main at day light took up the Staboard Boat. S. that doubled reef the Fore & main Toppails took in the Vibs & furled fore-top sail. Tied the Fore top sail & y. Vibs & returned East. Saw a Schooner here to us close reef fore-sail & fore staysail to the S.E. Equally

Lat obs 35°50' N.

Long Obs 61°30' W.

Stark Lapadelle of Hartford
Sunday June 9th

Light fair & rainy weather ship
under (on Masthead & Foresail & Jib
steering East one Schooner in sight - about
one hour at dark course S.E.
Through the fog (dark & rainy
after 5 PM weather more moderate
Course the same

Lat obs 35° 40'

Long 55° 40' W

Monday June 10th

From a breeze from N.W. - Course
S.E. & 4 PM saw a fishback hauled
up for it. Made all sail easy
S. by E. & sent a sail to the S.W.
Through the fog steering East
After dark S.E. & S.P.E. saw a
brig to the South steering East
Employed fitting & repairing gear &c

Lat obs 36° 20' North

Long obs 53° 20' West

Tuesday June 11th

Moderate breeze & fine weather
Course S.E. with all sail out
Employed fitting & repairing gear
& looking sharp for whales
A brig in company steering East
Middle & after part fine weather
steering S.E. 10 AM passed a
boat steering to the S.W.
Heard 4 PM light

Looking for Codgers winter but
could not find it. Commenced
to make a new one.

Lat obs 38° 00' North
Long obs 51° 00' West

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Obed. Wharvian Master

Wednesday June 12th 1842

Light breeze from N.W. fine weather
Ship under way with all sails set
Crew largely employed cleaning decks
at 3 P.M. striking East
Latter part of day E by S winds but
saw Porpoises & Blackfish
Lat 48° 31' 34" North
Long 48° 24' West

Thursday June 13th

Light breeze from Westward course
at 3 P.M. Main Royal & Jib tacked
Fore & Main tacked at 7 P.M.
Set Main Royal & Fore top gallant sail
through the night and latter part
light breeze fine weather saw 4 or 5
saw Porpoises
Lat 48° 31' 15" N
Long 46° 00' W

Friday June 14th

Placid breeze from Westward
steering E by S with all sail set
saw 2 or 3 fish crew employed
lifting rigging & coopersing 81 (casks)
Latter part wind veered to East
Crew somewhat employed
Lat 48° 00' 37' 31" N
Long 45° 34' 10" W

Saturday June 15th

Light breeze from Westward fine
weather course E by S saw 1 or 2
saw 2 or 3 fish & Porpoises
Crew working Spring gear
at 8 P.M. set sail 1/2 so ran from
Westward and by weather saw 1 or 2
Lat 48° 40' 11" N
Long 44° 15' 10" W

at 10 o'clock of New Bedford
Sunday June 16th 1861

Some mackerel with light air from westward
& some large cods & fish. The fish are fresh.
Bore Bore. Dredge Bore. Bore. Bore.
& P.M. took down a Bore from the
& put her on the West Bore. Bore.
for the third Bore & put his Bore.
Bore. Bore. for 1st Bore. Bore. Bore.
ship off and arrived up for Saturday
through the night light breeze. Saturday
some fine weather.

Lat 40° 04' North
Long 41° 04' West
at 10 o'clock of 1st Bore

Monday June 17th

Left New Bedford at 10 o'clock heading
N.E. with all sail out. Saw five seals
& porpoises. At 4 P.M. got in Bore.
observing angular distances. Saw Bore.
through the night the same course.
At 8 P.M. spoke the ship's Bore of
New Bedford 18 days out. Clear
at 10 o'clock. Saw 4 merchant men
working to the westward. Fin Bore &
porpoises in sight. Course E. & E.

Lat 40° 14' North
Long 41° 27' West

Tuesday June 18th

Left New Bedford at 10 o'clock heading
Saw five seals & porpoises. At 10 o'clock
clear. Wind West. Changed the
course from E. & E. to S. E. Nothing
in sight. Rainy & thick weather. The
ship's Bore. Bore. Bore. Bore.
the Bore. Bore. Bore. Bore.

Lat 40° 25' North

Long 41° 37' West

Sheet of observations.

Wednesday June 18th / 61

Commenced with light breeze from N. E. course N. E. set main top sail & sail & R. M. saw a sail to the N. W. & R. M. came to anchor late took down through the night - ship reading. P. M. Latter part some rain & sail one to the S. E. & one to the W. & W. employees making putting stuffs

Lat 40° 32' N. Lat.

Long 37° 07' West

Thursday June 20th

Light breeze cloudy weather course N. E. & S. E. sail in sight - back making putting stuffs. at dusk took in the light sails. Some rain through the night. Latter part fine breeze from N. E. & steering by the wind & S. E. green water for about 20 miles then blue again. Saw one sail standing to the Westward

Lat 41° 15' N. Lat.

Long 35° 45' West

Friday June 21st

Commenced with fine breeze from N. E. & course N. E. & saw three sails & porpoises. Employed fitting minding machines &c. mid night wind shifted to the West North West & at daylight breeze strong, some foggy and rain

Lat 43° 15' N. Lat.

Long 33° 56' West

Saturday June 22nd

Strong breeze from N. E. & course East & R. M. took in the light sails & reef top sail & through the night squally & rain. Wind to N. E. at daylight saw the ship in the East foggy. Lat 44° 15' N. Lat. Long 31° 37' West

Wed. 9 June 1861, a Mist

Wednesday June 26th 1861

Commences with thick foggy weather.
Wind Strong from W. N. W. Course North
Double reef top sails & courses. Thence
at 10 AM. Wind hauling
to the S. W. Course S. by E.

Lat obs 45° 00' North

Long Obs 32° 30' West

Thursday June 27th

Pleasant breezes & fine weather. Course
from noon to 7 P. M. E. by E. then N. by E.
Wind W. S. W. took in sail for twilight
I took a Porpoise & lost him when the wind
increased through the night.
After dark Strong breeze & thick
weather. Saw several Sail. Course East

Lat obs 46° 30' North

Long Obs 31° 00' W.

Friday June 28th

Strong breeze from S. W. thick weather
Some rain at 10 AM. (Double reef the
Top sails. Steering S. by E. Saw Porpoise
Several Merchant men in sight
at sun down. Wore ship to N. by E.
After dark steering S. by E. by the wind
Caught a Porpoise some 100 yds.

Lat obs 46° 36' North

Long Obs 29° 30' West

Saturday June 29th

Pleasant breeze from the South thick fog Squalls
Clear between 9 AM. saw finbacks & a lone seal
Course S. by E. at 4 PM. took a ship to the
Westward. At 7 PM. saw a boat & a small
Merchant Bark. Merian. Master of South
Hampton, 13 days from N. York, bound to
Antwerp, got a few New Papers. Through
the fog & South part a Herring boat & a
few finbacks & Porpoises

Lat 46° 52' Long 21° 35'

Near Loughborough Bedford

✓ Sunday June 24th 1861

The day commenced with thick fog & squalls
light breeze from SSW at 3 PM. Dismasted
Star Boat & picked up a Spar on square & then
it timber took it to the Dock & here it is
Measured 72 feet long, & 16 inches square
Yellow-Pine. Sawmill wood cut it into 5 ft
pieces and cut it down below
Saw plenty Porpoises & Birds caught 3 por-
poises, ship heading to ESE & SE
mid night took ship to SE. Then
Port Starboard & SE. Caught a
Porpoise, SE. a Porpoise observation
Lat 46° 43' North
Long 28° 20' West
Time by Gunner

Monday July 1st 1861

Plenty breeze & fine weather
Saw 2 Sails steering to the Eastward
Boat heading WNW. Wind S. SE
at dark took to the South took
the light sails & took down topsail
Midnight took the boat heading SE
Birds SE & saw several sails
Lat 46° 46' N. North
Long 27° 34' W.

Tuesday July 2nd

Plenty breeze fine weather ship heading
SSE. Wind S. SE. Mid night took
Ship to the SE. daylight took ship
to South East & SE. spoke Ship
East of Loughborough, Captain Carne-
more, left at 10 o'clock gave him a log
for Pole saw 2 Porpoises more
heading to the South saw several day
Lat 45° 22' N. North
Long 26° 04' West

Chas. H. Burrage, Master

Wednesday July 3rd 1861

Struck bridge from P. H. W. steering
by the wind to the westward (Coast
well Top sails & courses at sunset
checked ship to the P. H. W. P. H. W.
Observed the altitude of a Comet which
has been in sight since night falling
by compass & with the altitude 42° 33' stars
very bright with a tail 15 degrees long
steering to the eastward through the
night & later part heading to the west
where a ship heading to the P. H.
under top sails & courses at 10
o'clock Rough sea

Lat 46° 44' N

Long 46° 44' W

Thursday July 4th 1861

Left the bridge from sunset and heading to
the P. H. W. P. H. W. P. H. W. P. H. W. P. H. W.
to the P. H. W. P. H. W. P. H. W. P. H. W. P. H. W.
where 2 ships heading to the westward with all
sails set at 10 o'clock through the
night & later part heading to the south
where 2 ships heading to the south
New Moon's light

Lat 41° 37' N

Long 27° 30' W

Friday July 5th

Struck bridge from P. H. W. steering
by the wind to the westward (Coast
well Top sails & courses at sunset
checked ship to the P. H. W. P. H. W. P. H. W.
Observed the altitude of a Comet which
has been in sight since night falling
by compass & with the altitude 42° 33' stars
very bright with a tail 15 degrees long
steering to the eastward through the
night & later part heading to the west
where a ship heading to the P. H.
under top sails & courses at 10
o'clock Rough sea

Lat 46° 44' N

Long 27° 30' W

Sun. Sept. 6th. Sub. B. d. ord
Sailed day 6th at 6th put
Strong wind from N.W. ship
went to sea. But sea running over sail in
at 2 P.M. at dark made some sail
and went to sea. Ship to the N.W.
Died to port foggy, heading to the N.W.
Lat 45° 41' North
Long. 29° 40' W.

Monday July 7th
Came on with strong breeze from
N.W. ship heading N.
3 P.M. more moderate made some sail
to sea. Blackfish. Took in light sail
at dark. Midnight blowing strong
South. Sailed. Latter part calm
and wind. For Blackfish did not see
them from the boat.

Lat 45° 41' North
Long. 29° 41' W.

Tuesday July 8th
Came on 4 P.M. Toward a sea
of light air. Current toward N.
running East 12 miles in 24 hours
Heavy weather thick. Considerable sea
through the light. Latter part
calm. Saw one sail to the S.
Saw Jackboots & Pampers, filled 50
with salt water. Lat 45° 35' N.
Long. 29° 25' W.

Wednesday July 9th
Very light air from N.W. ship heading
to the S. crew employed fitting & casting and
putting up Boelstays &c. One sail in
light to the South. Vidille & Latter
Ship light. Rolling. No sail seen
and thin clouds & Pampers.

Lat 46° 34' N.
Long. 30° 00' W.

Wed. Schurmann Master

Wednesday June 10th

Light breeze from N.W. & S.W. ✓
Making our best sea distance, slow
getting along. Nothing here at present.
With catching Saw 2 Sails. Little Port
Wind & weather about the same. 2 Sails in
sight - Grampases & Porpoises. Crew Supply
Overhauling Blocks, Brace, Riggers &
Gifts

Lat 45° 50' North

Long 30° 57' West

Thursday July 11th

Weather with light Breeze. Wind
fair. Saw a ship heading to the Eastward
S=30. P.M. passed a Japannese boat with
the head broken off. Course light
Saw Grampases & Porpoises. Little
Port light - breeze from N.W. ship heading
to the Eastward. Blockade

At observation

Friday June 12

Light breeze from N.W. & S.W. ship
heading to the N.W. & S.W. & Eastward
Ships, & 3 Whale men gun firing at
Sun down. Staring. By the wind to
the Eastward through the night
Saw the port saw 5 sails

Lat 46° 45' North

Long 31° 51' 45"

Lat 47° 01' 45"

Saturday July 13th

Light breeze from N.W. & S.W. ship
heading to the Eastward & Sails in sight - saw
His. back Middle & Little Port
Light breeze from N.W. & S.W. ship
heading to the Eastward. Fine weather
Saw Finbacks Grampases &
Porpoises. Crew Supply

Lat 43° 29' N Long 35° 36' W

• With Sloop at Port Bedford
Saturday July 14th 61
Came down with light breeze
from N.W. & several small
sloop & fishbacks & many more & several
sails in sight At daylight saw
dark water to the N.W. & ran for
it until noon saw blackish dot
visual for a merchant man English
Lat 43-12 South
Long 36-36 West

Sunday July 15th
Very light breeze baffling steering
At 2 P.M. spoke Bark Ocean
of Sandwich Capt. Russell 22 mi
out - saw 360 Sperm Grapt - Bark with
500 Bbls Capt. came on Board &
Stayed until night - Latter Part
Calm saw fishbacks & several
in sight Lat 43-03 N
Long 36-37 West

Tuesday July 16th
Very light breeze air smooth sea
2 P.M. Capt. Shanderson took some
letters on Board Bark Ocean Capt.
Shanderson got some Boat
Boards Boat a P.M. of Capt. Fisher
of the Grapt - through the night
steering to South East Latter Part
saw several sails in sight

Lat 42-56 South

Long 35-00 West

Wednesday July 17th
Fine breeze from N.W. steering Eastward
saw hills & sails in sight dark water
in light sails Latter Part steering to the
South several sails in sight & fishbacks
Lat 43-02 N
Long 34-05

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I left St. Lawrence on Monday
Sunday July 18th
Commenced with light breeze from N. & S. & S. E.
we altered course by the wind S.W. 4 P.M. saw one
s. boat for tillers to the windward. thought
them I had seen a bark hauled about
to L. & W. & Bordered her to see what
was intended. Dugue Richard & Golden of L. & W.
port from St. Lawrence to Liverpool 140 days
short of provisions but got supplied by B. & W.
from London & from St. Lawrence to Liverpool
120 days. Saw 2 Whalers to L. & W.
after Port strong breeze ship heading S.W. &
2 Whalers in sight

Lat 41-51 S
Long 33-20 W

Tuesday July 19th

Commenced with strong breeze from N.
& N. W. & turning to the South spoke
Bark & crew of St. Lawrence kept up
saw a white water chimney smoke it out
Ruin Squally Breeze saw took in
T. & W. heading S.W. along to the
after Port wind. After turning to the North
saw several sails

Lat 41-39 N
Long 33-11 W

Saturday July 20th

light breeze from we altered course S.W.
Winds N.W. Saw several sails & Porpoises
at 5 P.M. spoke Bark & crew Capt
Cornell came on Board to supper
after Port heading S.W. all sail
out spoke Schooner Watchmen of
Pantucket Capt. Hussey 7 months out
350 Bbls Capt. came on Board a few
minutes to get the Pedise Bounded to
the Eastward

Lat 41-42 North
Long 33-20 W

Book - Lafayette & Port Bedford

Sunday July 21st 1861

Strong breezes from N.W. Rough Sea
Ship heading East Saw 2 Sails & Port
at dusk took in sails as was on whaling
ground daylight made sail reaching at
7 clock took to the N.W. Saw several
unchanged signals with an American
merchant ship Lat 41-38 North

Long 110-33-54 West

Monday July 22nd

Strong breezes from N.W. Rough
Sea Ship heading to the S.W. took
in sails at dusk ship at
dusk to the N.W. & run off
to the N.E. Rough Sea

Lat 40-58 North

Long 110-33-42 West

Tuesday July 23rd

Strong breezes with strong breezes
from N.W. by S Ship heading
to the S.W. (Saw the reef tops
& courses through the light wind
by S.W. Ship heading N.W. Lat
Port the same at noon picked
up Red Flour took in main sail
Sails & Spunkies Lat 42-11 North

Long 110-34-55 West

Wednesday July 24th

Strong breezes from N.W.
and hauled to the S.W. Cloud
quite strong yet. Put in under
close. Reef topsails & reefed
Boards on the fore & made all snug
Mid night wind hauled to the
North commenced to rain took
up the bows. Made ship to the West
& left port clear, heading westward
in line of sight

Obed Shearman Master.

Thursday July 25, 1861.

Strong breezes from North Ship heading N.
4 P.M. Spoke Bark John Dawson of New Bedford
Capt John Cornell 14 months out 1950 bbb

5 Spoke Bark Ocean of New Bedford
Capts came on board for Letter

Calm through the night Letter sent
Strong gale of rain Westward Put Ship
under small sail Saw 3 Sails under
short sail

Lat $42^{\circ} 19'$ North
Long $36^{\circ} 25'$ West

Friday July 26th

Fresh gales from westward Ship under
Double reef main top sail & Fore sail
reeft, Saw John Dawson & Ocean to the
Eastward, 5 P.M. heading North Green
black began to moderate wind hauling
to the North day light quite moderate
Set courses 10 A.M. & Spent 10 A.M. turned
out the Reefs & Set main top all out
sail Saw several Sails.

Lat $42^{\circ} 37'$ North
Long $37^{\circ} 08'$ West

Saturday July 27th

Commences with moderate breezes from
the North, fine weather 4 P.M. wind N.W.
Strong, Saw several Sails steering to the
Eastward, dark heading N.W.

Winds very light & variable through the night
day light winds light from S.S.W. Ship
heading N.W. Lat 3 Sails in sight, Wind increas-
ing took in the Light sail, took in
in gill Main sail & Sparker Double Reef
the top sails thick weather

Lat $42^{\circ} 01'$ North
Long $38^{\circ} 70'$ West

Crossed Lafayette St. at Bedford
Sunday July 28th 1861
Strong gale & rain squalls Put the
on upper craning 4 PM Wind West Very
heavy Squalls of rain took in fore sail
& fore topsail, close reef main top
Bored for hot dry made all 5 PM
Wind hauled suddenly to the North
Wore ship to the Westward head bear
Latter part more moderate wore
ship to the Eastward made 5
sail in company with Bark
John Dawson

Lat obs 41° 57' North
Long Obs 37° 11' West

Monday July 29th
Strong breezes from NNE fine weather
Ship heading East under double reef
Topsails courses gills & spinnaker in use
with Bark John Dawson & other sail
in sight from main heads 5 PM
with Bark John Dawson Latter
part standing to the Westward
with the Wind North

Lat obs 41° 40' North
Long Obs 37° 44' West

Tuesday July 30th
light breezes from the North 4 PM
the West Ship heading South with
fine weather saw Porpoises near
employed Refueling lub Boat
7 PM took ship to the North
Latter part light breezes from North
Ship heading westward

Lat obs 41° 33' N
Long Obs 37° 46' W.

Sea Shearman Master

Wednesday July 31st 1861.

Commenced with light breezes WNW.
Bark heading S by W. 7 P.M. saw ship to
the North one Brig in sight heading East
at mid night heavy squalls of wind &
Rain from the westward & continued
until after day light 7 A.M. saw a
Bark to the Westward with main top gall
mast gone steering ESE at 11³⁰ A.M.
Spoke & sent Boat on Board Bark
Lion of Rockland. Capt. Foster.
From New York 15 days. Brought
to Lisbon got some Paper
Noon Bark heading westward

Lat Obs $41^{\circ} 43' N$

Long Obs $38^{\circ} 03' W$

Thursday August 1st

Commenced with light squalls
& moderate breezes from the westward
& Northward Ship heading South West
under double reef top sails
Mid day Port light breeze from
the North & after port Calm
got out fresh water &c.

Lat $41^{\circ} 11' N$

Long $39^{\circ} 03' W$

Friday Aug 2nd

Clear & pleasant weather Nothing
in sight & after Port fine breeze
from WSW steering North
Saw 3 cunners

Lat $42^{\circ} 29' N$

Long $40^{\circ} 09' W$

Boat Lafayette of New Bedford

Saturday Aug 3^d 1861

Moderate breeze from W.S.W.
Course North dark short tuck
sail heading N.W. Midnight
Wind N.W.W. Letter Steering
E.S.E. Saw Killers Grampas
& Porpoises Lat 43-56 N
Long 39-40 W

Sunday August 4th

Commenced with strong breeze from
W.W. Course E.S.E. Saw Porpoises
5 P.M. saw one ship steering to the N.E.
at dark took in sail, heading
W.S.W. through the night Letter
Port - Steering E.S.E. Saw one
Bark supposed it to be the John
Newson Lat 44-10 North
Long 37-38 West

Monday Aug 5th

Pleasant breeze and hazy weather
from Noon untill 3 P.M. Course
E.S.E. then untill dark W.S.W.
Exchanged signal with the Brig
John of Christiana Borel East
Passed a small schooner same
time heading to the N.W. at dark
Short tuck sail & no ship to the
N.W.W. Squally through the night
Letter Port - Thick weather, heading
W.S.W. Saw several sails

Lat 44-00 North
Long 37-50 West

Bark La Fayette of New Bedford

Friday August 9th

Came on with strong W. breeze from the westward. Large Sea. Ship heading S.W. men top to sail out. Saw Papoos, and one ship steering E. or E. by N.

Through the Night - Steering S.W.
Passed a Schooner at midnight - ran up
sail. Headed S.W. by the wind.
Saw a Ship & Bark to westward. Lat
42° 07' N. Long 38° 50' W.

Saturday Aug 10th

Came on with moderate breeze from Westward. Large Sea.
At 2 P.M. saw Ship from S.W. to N.W. & 2 Whale men in ship.
At 6 P.M. came with Bark Tropic Bird and Ship Captain of New Bedford. Steering S.W.
Through the Night - S.W. wind changed to the S.E. Course W. by S. Lat 41° 50' N. Long 39° 48' W.

Sunday Aug 11th

Came on with cloudy weather moderate breeze from North. Ship heading N.W. & 2 Whale men in sight. Lat 41° 05' N. Long 41° 09' W.

Lat 41° 05' North
Long 41° 09' West

Sail, 4 Shearman, Master
 Saturday August 17th 1840
 Strong Breezes from the North hazy weather
 steering to the Eastward saw several sails
 through the night heading South Westerly
 under short sail, at daylight got out
 water & stowed down the Cask 24 gal
 & 2 lbs partly full, 9 AM spoke Briggs
 Pavilion, Cahn non, of Fairhaven under
 2nd main sail, boat heading East.

Lat ob 40-20 North
 Long Chr 40-45 West

Sunday August 18th
 fair weather with moderate breezes N.E.
 & cloudy weather Course E.S.E. made some
 sail with mainsail & spanker took in
 main sail at dark, wore ship under double
 reef topsails with foresail & spanker.
 saw one sail caught - Bbl. Althea.
 through the night steering to the North
 strong breezes took in with & spanker
 after dark moderate gale from
 N.E. cloudy weather

Lat ob 41-13 North
 Long Chr 40-48 West

Monday Aug 19th
 Moderate gale from S.E. ship head
 ing S.W. cloudy weather saw
 no sail through the night. Later
 Part Rainy. Wind variable large
 sea. 11 AM cleared away.
 Noon fine weather Large sea
 saw 2 whale men to the Eastward
 took down a boat from over head
 to fit for Stabour Cruises

Lat ob 42-03 North
 Long Chr 41-00 West

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford

Tuesday August 20th

Came on with fine weather
& perfectly calm with a bad sea
at 2 P.M. saw ship contest &
Bark. Tropic Bird Chasing
Sperm Whales We lowered 3 Boats
But did not see them from the
Boats contest took one
Sunset took up the Boats
at her full sail & steered N.E.
& N.E. Letter part light air
& cloudy weather. Employed
Repairing Boats Saw
3 Hails

Lat 42-24 N
Long

Wednesday Aug 21

Rainy with light breeze from
Westward Bark heading N.W.
dark took in sail for the night
Winds changed to the North
Letter part Rainy Wind N.W.
Saw 2 Sails

Lat 42-29 N
Long 40-08 W

Thursday Aug 22nd

Came on with rain Squalls
from N.W. Ship heading W.
under short sail Letter
part Wind S.E. rainy Stead
N.W. Saw one Seel from
Strong Gale from East
No Observation

Obed. Shearman, Master
Friday, August 23rd
Commenced with strong gales from
East course NW at 3 P.M. Put to
under close reef main topsail
Winds hawling to the NE Boree down
the hatch. Bad Sea all day for NW
through the night & latter part strong
breezes & rainy weather saw 2 sails
Latitude 41-33 N
Long 40-30 W

Saturday Aug 24th
Strong breezes from SSE hazy we
ather. Steering SE & back
saw 5 sails at dark took in sail
& wore ship to the NW by S.
Exchanged signals with an
American merchant bark steering
East through the Night course NW
at 6 A.M. spoke bark Tropic bird
from 6 until noon course NE
Lat 42-11 North
Long 40-45 West

Sunday, August 25th
Strong breezes from SSE bad sea. Course
NW at 4 P.M. Capt. Went aboard bark
Tropic bird in company with Patton
from Contest dark gale up gale
& steered to Eastward. Latter part
heading N.W. saw 3 sails
Exchanged signals with an
English bark steering to the East
Lat 43-41-38 N
Long 39-40 W

Bark Lafayette of Fairbairn
Monday August 26th / 61

Light Pleasant breezes & fine weather
the winds about S S E Course
North 3 Sails in sight - 4 P.M.
I am out with Ship Contest
Bark Tropic Bird & 15' Chooner
Emerald Capt. Good worth the
Latter Boilling a sperm whale
caught 2 days previous
Shortly after dark gave up the chase
Latter part winds hauling to
the S W & Breacing on
Bark heading N. W. with
all masts and sails out
Saw several sails

Lat 41-58 N.
Long 40 38 W.

Tuesday August 27th
Strong breeze from S.W. Ship
heading N. W. 2 Sails in sight
through the light squally weather
winds at daylight set course
west by north heading S W.
Sends strong breeze from S.W.

Lat 41-25 N.
Long 39-39 W

Wednesday Aug 28th
Begins with strong breeze from
Westward & squally at dark
took in sails heading to the
Eastward strong breeze through
the night at 4 A.M. made sea
& secured North Saw 2 whales
one of them Boilling

Lat 41-34 N.
Long 40-27 W.

Chief Yeoman Hunter

Thursday August 29th 1861

Commenced with strong breeze from
SSE, fine weather. Saw Ship's boat
to the Eastward. Boiling, & Back Topic
brought to S & steering at 1/2. Back heading
Port. At 4 P.M. saw sperm whale
to the West. Boat went 5 miles off run down
within 2 miles & lowered the 3 Boats
1st Boat struck a large whale
the 1st & 2nd Boats struck same
whale turned him up & took him
to the ship at dusk. Put on large
fluke chain & rope. Strong breeze
took in fore topsail & clear out main
Ship's boat hunched at dusk. Boiling
through the night. Wind increasing
to strong gale at day light. Hooked down
raised a piece and took the galls
dangerous cutting. Tore an entry fall to
the blanket piece and gave up cutting
shook out chain & fluke rope
heavy squalls & rain. Large sea.
to observation

Friday August 30th

Strong gale from Westward. At 2 P.M.
Broke out horse Pipe Chock. Fluke
Chock. got it in and secured with a
spar from scuttle, then spiked it solid.
6 P.M. Pipe broke in the Chock. Chain
cutting back same time main topsail shot
boarded. Jumbled him & set main spinnaker, took
in fore top mast spray sail, looked the 3
Boats solid, & P.M. whale striking heavy
against the ship. Cut off fluke chain &
ropes let the whale go. 2 A.M. 1st Boat
Boat & dived. 4 ships at a sea. Strong gale
took a large quantity into the Cabin

Dark Lafayette of New Bedford
Friday Aug 30 1861 continued
called all hands at 4 & set main top sail
& fore topmast stay sail latter part
cleared the rack and unree cutting gear
birds from ship and rather more
moderate. Large sea breaks considerable
Saw a Brig under small sail heading
N.E. Lat 42° 30
Long 38° 57

Saturday Aug 31st
Strong breeze from N.W. on full
wood ship to N.E. & set the fore sail
Bury employed repairing damages
finished a new Gangway Board &c
very large sea from the North
S.A.W. Wood ship to the S.W. set fore
top sail latter part repairing the
chock & boiling jaw oil.
Lat 43° 12 North
Long 39° 15 West

Sunday September 1st 1861
Strong breeze from S.W. ship heading
to the N.W. finished repairing
the chock at dark Reeft the fore
sail, one sail in sight. Saw Black
through the ship. Birds 18 in air & visible
with much rain Ship heading N.W.
Latter part strong Gale Wood ship
to the S.W. Saw one sail
Lat 43° 10 North
Long 39° 44 West

Old Oceanman's Journal
Monday September 2^d / 61

Strong gales from West Ship heading
heading P.M. under small sail
caught a Dolphin large sea running.
Bad weather for Whaling, & P.M. took
on the fore sail cloudy through the
night - raining at daylight made
down sail more moderate 10. AM
Blowing strong ported jib & Pendant
Lat Obs 43° 03' North
Long Obs 39° 55' West

Tuesday September 3^d
Commenced with strong breezes
Ship under close reef top sail &
courses heading N by E Softly
breeze began set the jibs at 2 P.M.
Dark took in sail heading North
Raining at midnight 10. AM under
Ship to the North West & took in the
fore sail
Lat Obs 43° 44' N
Long Obs 40° 48' West

Wednesday Sept 4th
Strong breeze from West North West Ship
heading N by E Double reef top sail
& P.M. squally rain squalls through
the night under short sail
Porter port steering S by E
Set up Bobstays & put out Spirit
sail yard
Lat Obs 42° 34' N
Long Obs 40° 16' W

Port of New Bedford
Thursday Sept^r 5th 1861
Commences with strong breezes
and fine weather. Wind S. &
Course N. E. by E. 4 P.M. Course E.
Dark took in sail heading N. E. Wind
N. N. W. Latitude 42° 52' North
Longitude 39° 38' West

Friday September 6th 1861.
This day Commences fine & Pleasant breeze
from N. N. W. Crew employed mending
Sails & fitting rigging &c. Courses E. & N. by E.
At dark shortened sail heading N.
Lighter Port Pleasant breezes & fine
Weather Course South. Saw one sail
heading E. Crew employed making
spongyarn

Lat 41° 43' N
Long 37° 48' W

Saturday Sept^r 7th
Commences with fine weather
& Pleasant breeze from N. N. W.
Course N. by Compass double topsail
fore sail and gill. employed
making spongyarn. At dark
took in gill & fore topsail
Lighter Port Pleasant. heading
P. M. Saw a Brig. Staring S. E.
making spongyarn &c

Lat 41 58 N
Long 37 58 W

Abel. H. Herman, Master
Sunday September 8th 1861

Light breeze from the N at dusk took in
sail and backed ship to the Westward
Breeze calm through the night latter
part light breezes from Eastward & heading
to the South Course N.W. saw one sail
Noon Wind S.E.

Lat $42^{\circ}12'$ North

Long $40^{\circ}38'10''$ West

Monday September 9th 1861

✓ Stiff breeze from the South Course N.W.
& sail standing to the Eastward.
4 PM run to the N.E. for brucias did not
see them again Close kept the topsails
& fore sail came to wind heading
N.W. winds N.W. Cloudy & some rain
saw large quantities gulf weed. Temperature
Water $71^{\circ}00'$ Air $68^{\circ}00'$ Raining through
the night latter part winds N.
Cloudy saw one Brig

Lat obs $42^{\circ}50'$ North

Long obs $39^{\circ}50'$ West

Tuesday Sept 10th

Strong breeze from N. Cloudy weather
rough sea, Course West saw juncos
dusk took in all but fore & main
top sail & fore top mast stay sail
latter part light breezes from N.W.
7 AM saw 2 sperm whales 1 cow
& 3 boats West boat struck & got on
starboard & landed boat struck same
wheel 1st boat got store took the
Whale to the ship at noon Whales in sight
to windward

Lat obs $42^{\circ}30'$ N

Long Obs $40^{\circ}30'$ W

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford
Wednesday Sept^r 11, 1861.

Commenced with fine weather & calm
1 P.M. commenced cutting fish's head
cutting & cleared the case at 8
Got supper set the wash close ^{with} main
topside & took in the fore one
strong breeze from the S commencing
Boiling head. Latter part with
gale from W.W. & heavy rain
Stopped boiling put the case on
several times & riged lower stage
Said to keep off the rain. Poor
Plant struck gale.

Sept 12 1861
Long 40-45-50

Thursday Sept^r 12th

Commenced with moderate gale
from W.W. & heavy rain
Boiling small Pots of head 5 P.M.
Finished boiling head & cooled down
Plenty rain & wind large sea
& wind howled to the North Boat
on the upper Cleaves & lashed down
Wash in Bleach room at work
Midnight more moderate commencing
boiling the Body. Latter part
rained & some rain. Barometer
low & very appearance of a gale
getting ready to run down
the sheet sail & boiling to
wind S.W.
No observation.

Book Log of New Bedford

Sunday September 15th 1841

Room lighter breezes & changed from
E to S.W. Crew employed at stowing
oil run down 20 bbls in the
fore hold coopers the casks &c.
J.D.M. raised a dead whale
to the S.S.E 10 miles off run down
& lowered stable boat & went to
him. It proved to be the same
whale he lost 15 days before
13 miles from where we lost
him. Part of the head. The upper
part of the head. Part of the blubber
& the small was all that was left.
The Luke Chain & rope hung to
the small which we saved by running
the ship along side & cutting off
at dark took in sail heading N
after part strong gale from
N.W. course N by W. rough sea

Lat 42° 17' N
Long 71° 41' W

Monday Sept 16th

Strong gale from N.W. Course
S.W. Double topsails dark took
in sail heading ^{west} to the westward
after part by N. breeze & cloudy
ship heading West. Repairing Sprung
saw 2 school Porpoises

Lat 41° 14' North
Long 71° 35' West

Obed. I. Newman Master,

Tuesday September 17th 61.
Commenced with light breeze & Cloudy
Weather Ship heading W.S.W. Wind N.W.
Finished repairing Spanker & mizzen top
sails, dark took in sea & wore
Ship to the N. Wind N.W. Mid night
Wind S.W. Strong gale furled fore top sail
Porter part Strong gale took in fore
sail & Put on the hatch bars
Heading West-by-North Cloudy.
No observation

Wednesday September 18th
Commenced with Strong gales from
W.S.W. Large Sea on Ship heading
N.W. 3 P.M. bore Ship to the S.W.
Heavy squalls from W. Some rain
took Craft out the Brails through
Night - heading S.W. by W. Porter Part
quite moderate breezes from N. Made
sail & started S.W. saw a Brig
heading N.E.

Lat obs 40° 27' N
Long Obs 40° 29' W

Thursday Sept 19th
Moderate breezes from Northward
Course S.W. 5 P.M. exchanged
signals with French Bark Starving Cat
dark took in sea heading West
Light breeze through the Night
& Porter Part Visible saw 2 sails
repairing - top sails yard yards,

Lat obs 39° 44' N
Long Obs 40° 39' W

Book Lafayette of the Bedford

Friday Sept^r 20th / 61.

Corn men came with light & variable
breezes & sails in sight. at dark
could see the topsails, heading
N.E. Light came through the light
day light more sails heading N.E.
At 11 AM saw a sperm whale
to the N.E. & towed 3 Boats
West Boat struck and got him
Lab & Stab Boats struck the same
Whale. Some time killing him
Shot 6 Bomb lances into him
Some of them exploded. took him
to the ship at noon



Lat obs $40^{\circ} 30'$

Long Obs $40^{\circ} 30'$

Saturday Sept^r 21st

Moderate breezes & fine weather
Corn men all cutting at 1 PM
took in the corn at sundown, got
it over board at 9 cleared up
decks & Corn men set to Boil
Latter Part Moderate breeze and
Large Swell. Barometer falling
imp layer Boiling head.

Lat obs $40^{\circ} 22' N$

Long Obs $40^{\circ} 31' W$

Sunday Sept^r 22nd

Moderate breezes & fine weather
Ship heading N.E. Boiling
Latter part wind S.W. Course
S.S.E. imp layer Boiling
So early fine weather

Lat $40^{\circ} 17' N$

Long $41^{\circ} 17' W$

Whale Wharves - Boston

Thursday October 3^d 1861

Commenced with strong breezes from
N.W. rough sea & P.M. commenced
cutting got through at 8 P.M. took the
small tubs in whole & squally through
the night & Latter part same
one sail in sight Whalemen

Lat 42° 33' N

Long 70° 42' 02" W

Friday October 4th

Commenced with moderate breezes &
fine weather Ship heading N.W.W
under short sail Boiling
oil ship in sight heading the same
At 4 P.M. got through Boiling
head At night Calm (Daylight
strong breezes from N.W. Ship heading
Westward 9 A.M. wore ship & took
in fore top sail. " finished Boiling
quite a strong Gale from N.W.W.
Cloudy Weather

No observation

Saturday October 5th

Commenced with strong Gales from
N.W.W. Cloudy weather Ship heading
S under close reef Main Top sail
Latter part heading North Strong
down & towards about 30 Bbls of
guano. No gage marks on the coast
Strong gale saw one ship to
Westward Several rain squalls

Lat 42° 37' N

Long 41° 20' W

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford

Sunday October 6th 1861

Commenced with strong gale from NW
& squally. Bark heading to NE.
Close reefed main Top sail & Fore
Sail got out some Reef & Port
Go. Mid & Latter parts & strong
Gale with with squalls of Rain
At 10 AM went N by E to the NW
one merchant men in sight
under Close reefed Top sail

Lat Obs 43° 16' N.

Long Obs 41° 15' West

Monday October 7th

Commenced with strong gale
from NNE. Ship heading
NW under Close reefed Main
Top sail. Large Sea from NW
Latter part moderate breezes
At 10 AM lowered the Boat
& went on Board Schooner Cerule
of Port mouth England from
Pea can British America Bound
to Cadix in Spain Jago Master
Moon fresh breeze from WNW
Cloudy. No Observation

Tuesday October 8th

fresh breezes & Clouds. Course S.W.
4 P.M. Saw a large Sperm Whale 3
miles off. did not lower for him
dark took in all but Close reefed
Top sail. Mid & Latter parts
gales from NWN 9 AM saw
a Sperm Whale going to the
Windward

Lat 42° 46' Long 41°

Obed, Sherman Master,

Wednesday October 9th 1861

Strong gale from the N by W ship
heaving W by N under small sail
large sea running. Bad weather for
whaling through the night some
latter part quite moderate made sail
Saw Finbacks

Lat Obs 42 = 43 North

Long Obs 41 = 32 West

Thursday October 10th

Moderate breezes & fair weather at dark
Calm short stock sail for the N by W
latter part fresh breezes from the
North thick weather ship heaving
W by W saw one Briff staying
to the westward. Room cleared to
the S by E to leave the ground
No Observation

Friday October 11th

Commenced with fresh breezes
& thick weather in squalls from
the North At 1 P.M. raised sperm
Whales 11 or 12 miles to the East going
South. Lawrence 3 Boats 3 P.M.
Each Boat struck one. Stab & Warts
Boats struck the same whale
took him to the ship about 4 P.M.
reigned the gear & Com men at to cut
finished at 8 2 hours after dark
a Merchant ship run down at dark
within 1/4 mile & see that we were all
right & left again. Latter part foggy
Boiling saw several seals

Lat Obs 42 1/4 N

Long Obs 41 31 W

Barck Lafayette of New Bedford

Wednesday October 12th 1861

Strong breeze from NW Ship has
set E under short-sail, Boiling good
thruout whole head at 4 P.M.

Dark strong breeze & Cloudy rough sea

At 12 clock at night strong gale &
heavy rain & squalls Cooled down the

Works could not boil at 8 A.M.

Heavy gale from N.W. Put her

a way to the South & set fore sail

She runs nicely at noon set fore

Top sail close reef heavy hail squalls

Lat 43rd North

Long 70th 02 West

Sunday October 13th

Strong Gale from N.W. and

Plenty Hail & squalls. Running

South under close reef Top sail &

✓ fore sail She runs well but takes

some water on deck. Biked up

with blue tarps & casks rather

a greeny mud &c. Through the rigging

Winds weather & course the same.

Letter post more moderate course

N.E. Pumped off 2 casks salt

water & Pump down 3 casks oil

Passed 3 merchant ships standing

to the Westward under short

sail 2 of them without main

top sail had a light snow

squall & considerable rain

Lat 41rd 22 N

Long 72nd 37 28

Usher Shearman. Master

Monday October 14th 1861

Strong breeze from N.W. Course
E.S.E. soon commenced Boiling
on our remaining Blue & lined keel
Boiling at 5 P.M. Stowed down tubs
& cleared up Deck through the Night
and after first light breezes from West
Course E.S.E. run down 2 casks of oil
got out fresh water &c. Cloudy weather
No observation

Tuesday October 15th

Commenced with moderate breeze from
the Westward Cloudy weather Course
E.S.E. Working ship &c

After Port light breeze from N.W.W
course the same saw Porpoise & Turtle
Killing a New Main Spinnaker

Lat 41-12 N

Long 72-40 W

Wednesday October 16th

Commenced with light breeze from
N.W.W Course East saw Porpoise
Bent a New Main Spinnaker

through the Night Course N.E. by Comps
day light Steered S.E. heavy weather
Stowed a Bree to the Eastward
Sailing N.E. with all sail out

Lat 40° 35 North

Long 70° 35 West

Bark Lafayette of Portland

Thursday October 17th 1861

Commenced with moderate breezes from North, hazy weather Course S by E with all sail set, at dark took in light-sails & gills, (Jibed reef the topsails & hift to the leeboard heading West Fogggy Weather.

at day light made all sail & steered WSW At 8 AM made Course Bearing SW 8 miles 10 Run down between Corvo & Flores Capt & third mates crew went on Shore to Corvo landed off & on at Corvo.

Port
Long

Friday Oct 18th

Strong breezes & Fogggy Ship off & on at Corvo & Flores Capt & crew came on Board with a Shore Boat & Recruit The Boat left to go on Shore at 5 PM 5:30 spoke Bark A R Tucker Capt Greenell came on Board & gave up the gain & steered SE by S for Fayal Strong breeze at 9 AM A R Tucker or said a large sperm whale lower her Boats & the mate struck first We met with them & struck same whale & soon turned him up took him to the ship at noon Lafayette Regged Weather



Obed Sherman Master

Saturday Oct 19th 1861

Strong breezes from North large
Sea 2 P.M. Commenced to cut
head bad luck on account of
rough weather Raised a piece
& took the cable at sundown
Lashed up for the night
Capt. Greenell on board, Saw Tonal
& a Whaling Brigg tore out Ring Bolt
& parted several lashings through
the night & squally. Letter sent rather
more moderate the mate of the
A. R. Tucker on board helping cut
got off the head &c

Sunday Oct 20th

Moderate breezes and rough Sea
Cutting A. F. deck Capt. Greenell came
on board At 10 P.M. finished cutting
& Poling Case 11 Commenced Boiling
Letter sent moderate breezes from
Westward, in company with A. R. Tucker
Saw a stranger to windward
Tonal & Picc in sight to the SE
Lat 38-17 N

Monday Oct 21st

Strong breezes from NW & hawling
to the North Spoke the A. R. Tucker
at sundown midnight squally
Letter sent Light variable breeze
Employed Boiling Lat 38-12 N

Fort Lafayette New Bedford
Wednesday Oct 22nd 1861

Commenced with light breeze from
Southward Ship heading S.E. Boil
At 2 P.M. Bork A.P. Tucker saw the
& shot the colors at mast head
for lowermost Tell & kept boat
& pulled to her 2 miles off
the Wheeler was going N.W.
4 P.M. Cleared away Steam boat
Went in pursuit of the Wheeler could
not get fast at dark came on Board
& Commenced Boil again
Mid night strong breeze & squally
Latter part. Plenty rain squalls
& strong gale from N.W.
at 11 A.M. finished Boiling
No observation,

Wednesday October 23rd 1861

Strong breeze from N.W. & Rainy
12-30 P.M. Wind changed suddenly
to the N.E. strong with plenty rain
Wind down Wind N.W. light. larger Sea
Capt. Grinnell came on Board for a, r, tuck
& stopped a few minutes 4 P.M. wore ship to
N.E. Latter part. Commenced
stowing down Oil Taken
in company with Bork
A.P. Tucker Capt. Grinnell
on Board finished stowing
at noon, stowed 14 Cases
Marked W/B & Numbered from
one to 14 to be divided at
Home Equely Between the 2 Ships

No observation,

Obed Shearman Master

Thursday Oct 24th 1861

Commenced with moderate breezes
from NNE ship heading to the East
in company with Bark A. R. Tucker
Capt. Prinnell on Board. Crew employed
stowing empty casks washing decks &c
At sundown layal went bore South
20 miles through the night light breezes
from NE daylight. Run down for the
Port spoke George & Susan of
New Bedford. 10 A.M. Capt. & 2 Boats
Crews went on shore. Bent the cables &c.
Pleasant weather Lying off and on
At Fayal So ends

Friday Oct 25th

Fine breezes & Pleasant weather
Ship Lying off and on at Fayal.
With 2 Boats on shore 2 P.M. Boats
Came on Board. 3 P.M. took Lunch
Load of Oil 17 Casks from ship
George & Susan 4 P.M. took 7 more
from the same ship all Branded on
the Head George & Susan. Looked them
on Deck for the Night. Stub Boat
Went on shore for the Captain. Came
off at 7 P.M. Capt. & 3 men again
& Prinnell Came on Board on Business.
Through the Night under easy sail to
the South of Fayal (daylight commenced
to show the Oil taken from Geo. & Susan
stored 24 Casks & got through at noon
Ship heading the Land in smooth water
remotely the Land several sails in
sight

Lat 38-30 North
Long 28-50 West

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford

Saturday October 26th, 1861

Pleasant breeze & fine weather Ship
South of Fayal about 2 miles from
the Land All hands employed
stowing down empty cask Clearing
the Deck &c At dark Fayal
Beering light about 15 miles off
Winds S E, set the main sail,
2 sails in sight heading to the NW
through the night Letter port light
beezes from NW & saw 2 sails
Course NW by N

Lat 38-34.

Long 31-05.

Sunday October 27th

Moderate breeze from North Ship
heading NW by N Flores in
sight to the NW 50 miles off
Light variable breeze through the night
Letter port strong squalls from
SE Ship heading NW

Lat 38-16.

Long 31-53 W

Monday October 28th

Commences with moderate breeze from
NW by N Course NW by N all sail set
Middle Port - winds variable Letter Port
Winds South Course NW with all sail
employed stowing blater in the
after hold to trim ship
Saw several sails steering to
the Eastward

Lat 38-30 North

Long 32-26 West

Obed Sherman Master

Tuesday October 29th 1861
Fresh breezes from South Course NW
with all sail out, being voyaged stow-
ing water to trim ship 2 sails in
sight through the light winds SSE
Course NW. Latter part Heavy Rain
squalls from SE Course NW by W.
Saw one sail

Lat Obs 39-13 North

Long Obs 34-54 West

Wednesday October 30th

Strong breezes from ESE some
Rain Course NW W. Saw one
sail to the Eastward, at dark took
up the Boats & took in main Top gallant
& sail squally through the light
breezy light - wind latter part
winds same some rain

Lat Obs 39-20 North

Long Obs 35-45 West

Thursday October 31st

Strong breezes from East & squally
Course NW W. Main top gallant
sail set - crew employed trimming
ship by the Stern

Through the light & latter part strong
breezes from E by N Course NW W
at Daylight passed a Topsail
Schooner heading to the NE
under short sail Pumped out
fresh water & filled Butts &
Run salt water in to the Casks

Lat Obs 38-20 North

Long Obs 42-52 West

Barck Lafayette of Acadia Bedford

Friday November 13th 1864.

Strong breezes from E by N Course
N.W. W. With all modern sail
Set 2 P.M. passed a Bark
beating to the Northward
Squally through the night
Latter part Wind ESE
Tugging Ship &c

Lat Obs 39-27 N
Long Obs 46-42 W

Saturday Nov 14th

Strong breezes from ESE
Large sea on Course West
by Compass Employed making
Span Lines & other Ship's Duty
Squally through the night &
Latter part Spliced Gills & Stay
& Repaired gills Noon Spoke
Spanish Rig who's Long Reed 40°
Nine degrees out of his reckoning
did not understand where from
or for round went out of sight to
ENE

Lat Obs 38-30 North
Long Obs 48-45 West

Sunday Nov 15th

Strong breezes & Squalls from Eastward
Course West by Compass saw plenty
Gulf Weeds 3 A.M. took a heavy squall
from NE which changed the wind to
that quarter. Blowing a heavy
gale from NE the remaining part of
the day steering West under old
Breeft top sail & Foresail saw one sail

Lat 38-00 N, Long 52-55 W

Obed Sherman Master
Monday Nov 4th 1861

Commences with strong gales from
N.E. and a heavy sea Course West
Under Close Reef- topsail & fore sail
Middle & Luff put moderate breezes
& some Rain Course West saw Plenty gulf
Weed

Lat Obs 37 = 08 North

Long Obs 55 = 20 West

Tuesday Nov 5th

Commences with light breezes
from East Cloudy Weather & a
large sea running from E.N.E.
Course West by North Later part
squally Went down fore sail to repair
finished repairing at Noon
Saw one seal to the S.

Lat Obs 37 = 30 North

Long Obs 55 = 45 West

Wednesday Nov 6th

Commences with strong breezes from
W.N.W Ship under Close reef
topsails Bort the fore sail and
set it Saw Plenty gulf Weed
Ship heading S.W. At 8 P.M. squally
Called all hands & Put Ship under
Close Reef Main topsail & staysail
Later part more moderate but
Main sail to Repair finished
& Bort it at Noon, light breeze
& large sea

Lat Obs 37 = 45 N

Long Obs 57 = 05 W

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford

Thursday Nov^r 7th 1861

Commenced with light breeze from West
& a large sea. Ship heading S.W.
Crew employed breaking out water &
Provisions at deck. Pleasant weather
made all sail. Wind increasing
from dusk to 2 A.M. Put ship
under close reef. Topsail
blowing a heavy Gale from
N.W. thick hazy weather
No observation

Friday Nov^r 8th

Commenced with strong gales
from N.W. Thick hazy weather
& a large sea. Ship under
close reef. Main topsail &
fore top must stay sail. Put on
entry gaskets & Prevention Bores.
Barometer down to 29ⁱⁿ 15^h
Letter part - strong gales from
Westward. Won ship to the South.
Lat. obs 36-32 N
Long Obs 56-45 West

Saturday Nov^r 9th

Strong gales & squalls from N.W.
At dusk close reef top sails & cross
ship heading S.W. Hides & Letter
parts rather more moderate
Ship heading up N.W. 10 A.M.
Passed a Bark steering E.S.E.
Large sea from the North

Lat obs 35-18 N
Long Obs 58-00 W

Old Sherman Master

Sunday Nov^r 10th 1861

Commenced with strong breezes from
NNW and large sea
Ship heading West under short
sail. Set some sail during the
afternoon. Saw plenty of Weed
Light breezes through the night
Later part wind changed to WSW
and backing strong by turns
took in the light sails & set
the topsails

Lat des 35° 24' N
Long Cho 59° 15' W

Monday November 11th

Commenced with strong breezes from
NNW & backing. Saw a Booby
steering ESE at dark took a
heavy squall from NW ran south
until we got all sail in then
came to the wind. Parted in
Bobstay & started. Lining Cloths on
the topsails & pulled through the
night. Latter part strong breeze from
NNW. Set ten Bobstay & topsails

Lat des 35° 45' N
Long Cho 60° 13' W

Tuesday Nov 12th

Strong gales from NNW. Ship
heading West. Close reef topsails &
courses. Through thick fog & rain
Variable. Latter part NW by W

Ship heading to the NW
Scraping off canvas & working ship
At 10 AM. A heavy sea with the
topsails

Lat des 35° 34' N
Long 60° 47' W

Barb. Laporte of New Bedford

Wednesday November 13th 61

At Noon Winds changed suddenly from SSW to NW, and blew a strong gale. Wore ship to WSW and made all snug. Bored the huts in Middle & Latter parts continuing very strong gale and tremendous squalls. Gave way main top sail & set, ship heads from WSW to S. takes considerable water on deck.

Lat 34° 30' N

Long 60° 35' W

Thursday Nov 14th 61

Strong gale & heavy squalls from NW. Ship under very snug sail. Headed from WSW to SSW.

Keeps the back on the wave to dig the spouts. Sea large, Sun shines times throughout the day. Through the Night & Latter parts Latter more moderate made some sail.

Lat 34° 09' N

Long 59° 44' W

Friday Nov 15th

Commenced with strong gales from NW. Ship under small sail heading to the North. Mid night - Wind changed to SW. had several squalls some lightning & thunder. Latter part strong breeze. Course W. saw one sail at noon.

Lat 34° 55' N

Long 60° 36' W

Obed. Shearman Master

Saturday November 16th 1861

Commenced with strong breezes from
SW ship heading NW thick
weather saw 2 Brigs steering to the
North 3-30 PM took in jib & Spunk
and close reef the Topsails

4 PM took in Fore topsails and
have to heading NW latter part
strong breezes & thunder & squalls
made some sail: one Briz in light

Lat 35-38 N

Long 60-55 W

Sunday, November 17th

Commenced with strong breezes from
SW Port main Top sail down
to repair 4 PM finished the

Top sail & Bent it. Blowing very
strong, half past 4 took a Squall
from NW very heavy one took in
all but fore top mast stay sail
& Run before it about 20 minutes

then came to on Star tack heading
SW Set Main Top sail Close reef

through the night & latter part strong gales
and rain & squalls ship heading NW

Lat 34-37 N Long 60-45 W

Monday, November 18th

Commenced with strong breezes & rain squalls
from West, Commenced with sail

4 PM bore ship to the North & squally through
the night latter part moderate breezes
& rain & squalls, set one sail to the

North

Lat 35-37 North

Long 60-15 West

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford

Tuesday Nov 19th 1861

Squally weather & ship heading to
the N^W Saw one sail to the South
through the N^W and latter part
squally weather cleaning decks
and washing the waste masts &c

Lat 36-17 North

Long 61-52 West

Wednesday Nov 20th

Com men es squally & winds variable
Saw a Bark steering E S E.

at dark Double Reef the Top sails
and took in main sail

Through the night squally

latter part blowing a heavy gale
from N E & ship heading to
the Westward

Lat obs 35-58 North

Long Obs 61-52 West

Thursday Nov 21st

Blowing a heavy gale from the
North with heavy squalls of rain
ship heading N W High short
sea running from N E, E & N W
Every thing done as possible

6 P.M. wore ship & set a gale
wing. Heave top sail & heading N
At day strong gales through out the
24 hours which changed from
N E to S W and back to the
N W. Plenty rain in squalls
latter part heading N W

Lat 35-49 N

Long 61-46 W

Obed Shearman Master

Friday November 22nd 1861

Strong gales from NW Ship heading
WSW Plenty rain, Barometer stands
28.70. Rather wet our Barks are wet as our
jackets Middle and Lower parts the same
out of wet gill & Porters the Porters to
make some new ones

Lat 34° 30' North

Long 62° 45' West

Saturday Nov. 23rd

Commences with strong gales & rain
squalls winds NW. 4. PM winds
more moderate, at dark made some
sail Ship heading W by S thick weather
through the night. Day light made
some sail gill & Spanker & main sail
10 AM turned the Reefs out the topsail
& 1st main top gallant sail
Passed a Brig Steaming W by N Exchange
Signals got out Fresh Water

Lat. obs 34° 11' North

Long Obs 64° 13' West

Sunday Nov. 24th

Commences with strong breezes from
NW. & hauling gradually to
the Westward. At 5 PM winds
WSW tacked Ship to the NW
Towed down the Mizon River
Saw 4 sails 2 Barks heading
SW under short sail, apparently
in company supposed something
the matter. Exchange Signals
with one of them showed English Colors
Middle & Lower parts Ship heading
to the NW Moderate breezes &
fair weather

Lat Obs 35° 00'

Long Obs 65° 02'

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford
Monday Nov 25th 1861

Commenced with strong breeze from
S.W. fine weather Course N.W.
Middle & Latter Parts & squally
Ship heading N.W. by N

Lat 36 = 42 N

Long + Chs 66 = 34 W

Tuesday Nov 26th

Commenced with strong squalls from
Westward Ship heading N.W. under
Double reef - main Toppails Fore top-
sail & Fore Sail close Reef

Large Sea & But very little gulf
Wind in sight - Middle & Latter Parts
more moderate At 5 P.M. bore
Ship to the S.W. blind N.W.

and squally Saw 2 Sails to
the N.E.

Lat 37 = 05 North

Long Chs 67 = 4 West

Wednesday Nov 27th

Commenced with moderate gales
from N.W. & squally at Dark
took in the Fore top sail Middle
and Latter parts more moderate

Made Double Reef Toppails gill
& Spanker Saw one Sail to the
North

Lat 35 1/2 = 48 N

Long Chs 37 = 40 W

Thursday Nov 28th

Moderate breeze & fine weather
Ship heading S.W. Watch Taring the
Fore & main Rigging, Saw 2 Sails

Middle Part & Wind to the S.W. Latter
Part Heavy Wind changed from S.W.
to N.W. very sudden in a squall at 7
A.M.

Lat 36 = 20 N

Long 68 = 50 W

O'Beel J. Therman Master

Friday November 29th 1861

Commenced with light breezes from
Westward 2 P.M. till 10 P.M. More
Ship to the N.N.W. Saw 2 Sails to
the S.W. Sent down cutting Pondants &
guys and Main Royal Yards, Cleared
by Works &c & Stowed down board
Strong breezes through the Night & Letter
Port - Smooth Water Ship in the Gulf
Saw 4 Sails

Left obs 3756 North

Long 74° 49' West

✓ Saturday Nov 30th 1861

Commenced with strong breezes
from W.S.W. Ship heading N.W. by N
Saw 3 Sails W. to the imp. by at
tacking down Back Stays
From Port night strong breezes and
squally Course N.W. by N 3 P.M.
Commenced to blow here from
S.W. Split Fore topsail & main
Top gallant - Sails Parted main
Top sail Tie Run under Close
Reeft Top sail & Fore sail until
Day light - then took in Fore sail
& hoisted to heading S.W. Blowing
very heavy in squalls At 9 P.M.
Winds changed suddenly to the
S.W. Blowing strong as before
So Ends the Last Day of November
The Worst Month that I ever
Experienced at Sea

No Observations

Deck Lafayette of New Bedford

Sunday (December 1st 1861)
Commenced with a strong gale from
the North West bore to heading
N.W. Cloudy Dark & Cold
Latter Part Night Winds more
more moderate Made some Seal
(Saw light - Sent down main top
gallant & Seal to repair Latter
Part more moderate, Repaired
Fore Top Seal Main Seal Spunk
& Main Top gallant Seal, fished
Fore top mast & stay

Lat Obs $38^{\circ}19' N$
Long Obs $41^{\circ}25' W$

Monday (December 2nd)

Commenced with light breezes from
N.W. & hauled round to N.E. at
dawn, Watch Sings Coxed Quinety
Ship, Commenced N.W. 11. P.M. wind
changed to S.W. Day light wind
N.W. Strong Ship Under Short Seal
Voyage several Seals Latter part Strong
at 11. P.M. Spoke Pilot Boat
Many Horns of New York & R.B. Sheds
Clear of sight to the S.W.

Lat Obs $40^{\circ}16' N$
Long Obs $71^{\circ}30' W$

Obed Shearman, Master

Tuesday December 3^d 1841

Moderate breeze from NW Course
At 4 o'clock tacked ship to NW
Squally through the night. Latter part
more moderate & we were lying by
9 o'clock spoke the Pilot Boat No 19
Mary A Williams of New York 10 30 A.M. near
Fire Island Light on Long Island bearing
about NW by W 20 Miles 4 Pilot Boat in
sight
Lat obs. 40 22 N
Long Obs 72 40 W

Wednesday Dec 4th 1841

Clear weather with strong breeze from
NW by W Ship heading E N E along South
side Long Island At 4 o'clock A.P.M.
Montauk Light bearing NW E by compass
about 10 miles off took in the Light
Sails. Passed one Propeller Steamer
& several Schooners steering NW
Water freezes on Deck, Cold Fingers & toes.
At 9 P.M. Passed to the South of
Block Island 12 midnight
Saw Gay head & Cut about 6 o'clock
Lat 40 tacked to East West
At 1 o'clock tacked back to E N E
Light got up chains & Bent
to anchor 9 took took a Pilot
head Bearing East Latter part
working up the Bay
viral time
About 4 took 2 Spruce & Spruce
furled the sails Sun down
Made ship fast to Commodore
Harpe No Ends the Summer
Cruise



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do	18	2	"	2
July	7	2	"	2
do	26	"	"	2
Aug	15	"	"	2
Sept	3	"	"	2
"	19	"	"	2
Oct	5	"	"	2
"	21	"	"	2
Nov	4	"	"	2
"	18	"	"	2
"	25	1	"	1

May 10	one Blt	1
June 6	" "	1
" 18	" "	1
July 9	" "	1
Aug 13	" "	1
Sept 3	" "	1
" 19	" "	1
Oct 3	" "	1
Nov 4	" "	1
Dec 28	" "	1



